

# TWENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

MARCH 4, 1839, TO MARCH 3, 1841

FIRST SESSION—December 2, 1839, to July 21, 1840

SECOND SESSSION—December 7, 1840, to March 3, 1841

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Kentucky

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE—WILLIAM R. KING,<sup>1</sup> of Alabama

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE—ASBURY DICKINS,<sup>2</sup> of North Carolina

SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE SENATE—STEPHEN HAIGHT, of New York

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—ROBERT M. T. HUNTER,<sup>3</sup> of Virginia

CLERK OF THE HOUSE—HUGH A. GARLAND,<sup>4</sup> of Virginia

SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE—RODERICK DORSEY, of Maryland

DOORKEEPER OF THE HOUSE—JOSEPH FOLLANSBEE, of Massachusetts

## ALABAMA

### SENATORS

William R. King, *Selma*  
Clement C. Clay, *Huntsville*

### REPRESENTATIVES

Reuben Chapman, *Somerville*  
David Hubbard, *Courtland*  
George W. Crabb, *Tuscaloosa*  
Dixon H. Lewis, *Lowndesboro*  
James Dellet, *Claiborne*

## ARKANSAS

### SENATORS

William S. Fulton, *Little Rock*  
Ambrose H. Sevier, *Lake Port*  
REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE  
Edward Cross, *Washington*

## CONNECTICUT

### SENATORS

Perry Smith, *New Milford*  
Thaddeus Betts,<sup>5</sup> *Norwalk*  
Jabez W. Huntington,<sup>6</sup> *Norwich*  
REPRESENTATIVES

Joseph Trumbull, *Hartford*  
William L. Storrs,<sup>7</sup> *Middletown*  
William W. Boardman,<sup>8</sup> *New Haven*  
Thomas W. Williams, *New London*

Thomas B. Osborne, *Fairfield*  
Truman Smith, *Litchfield*  
John H. Brockway, *Ellington*

## DELAWARE

### SENATORS

Richard H. Bayard,<sup>9</sup> *Wilmington*  
Thomas Clayton, *New Castle*

### REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

Thomas Robinson, Jr., *Georgetown*

## GEORGIA

### SENATORS

Alfred Cuthbert, *Monticello*  
Wilson Lumpkin, *Athens*

### REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Julius C. Alford, *Lagrange*  
Edward J. Black, *Jacksonboro*  
Walter T. Colquitt,<sup>10</sup> *Columbus*  
Hines Holt,<sup>11</sup> *Columbus*  
Mark A. Cooper, *Columbus*  
William C. Dawson, *Greensboro*  
Richard W. Habersham, *Clarksville*  
Thomas Butler King, *Waynesville*  
Eugenius A. Nisbet, *Macon*  
Lott Warren, *Palmyra*

## ILLINOIS

### SENATORS

John M. Robinson, *Carmi*  
Richard M. Young, *Quincy*

### REPRESENTATIVES

John Reynolds, *Cadiz*  
Zadok Casey, *Mount Vernon*  
John T. Stuart, *Springfield*

## INDIANA

### SENATORS

Oliver H. Smith, *Indianapolis*  
Albert S. White, *La Fayette*

### REPRESENTATIVES

George H. Proffit, *Petersburg*  
John W. Davis, *Carlisle*  
John Carr, *Charlestown*  
Thomas Smith, *Versailles*  
James Rariden, *Centerville*  
William W. Wick, *Indianapolis*  
Tilghman A. Howard,<sup>12</sup> *Rockville*  
Henry S. Lane,<sup>13</sup> *Crawfordsville*

## KENTUCKY

### SENATORS

Henry Clay, *Lexington*

<sup>1</sup> Continuing from preceding session; reelected July 3, 1840; March 3, 1841.

<sup>2</sup> Reelected December 9, 1839.

<sup>3</sup> Elected December 16, 1839.

<sup>4</sup> Reelected December 21, 1839.

<sup>5</sup> Died April 7, 1840.

<sup>6</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Thaddeus Betts, and took his seat June 2, 1840.

<sup>7</sup> Resigned in June, 1840, to become associate judge of the court of errors.

<sup>8</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of William L. Storrs, and took his seat December 7, 1840.

<sup>9</sup> Resigned September 19, 1839, to become chief justice of Delaware; reelected to fill vacancy caused by his own resignation, and took his seat January 19, 1841; vacancy

in this class from September 19, 1839, to January 11, 1841.

<sup>10</sup> Resigned July 21, 1840.

<sup>11</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Walter T. Colquitt, and took his seat February 1, 1841.

<sup>12</sup> Resigned August 1, 1840.

<sup>13</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Tilghman A. Howard, and took his seat December 7, 1840.

**KENTUCKY—Continued**

SENATORS—Continued

John J. Crittenden, *Frankfort*

REPRESENTATIVES

Linn Boyd, *Cadiz*  
 Philip Triplett, *Owensboro*  
 Joseph R. Underwood, *Bowling Green*  
 Sherrod Williams, *Monticello*  
 Simeon H. Anderson,<sup>14</sup> *Lancaster*  
 John B. Thompson,<sup>15</sup> *Harrodsburg*  
 Willis Green, *Green*  
 John Pope, *Springfield*  
 William J. Graves, *New Castle*  
 John White, *Richmond*  
 Richard Hawes, *Winchester*  
 Landaff W. Andrews, *Flemingsburg*  
 Garrett Davis, *Paris*  
 William O. Butler, *Carrollton*

**LOUISIANA**

SENATORS

Robert C. Nicholas, *Donaldsonville*  
 Alexander Mouton, *Vermilionville*

REPRESENTATIVES

Edward D. White, *Thibodaux*  
 Thomas W. Chinn, *Baton Rouge*  
 Rice Garland,<sup>16</sup> *Opelousas*  
 John Moore,<sup>17</sup> *Franklin*

**MAINE**

SENATORS

John Ruggles, *Thomaston*  
 Reuel Williams, *Augusta*

REPRESENTATIVES

Hugh J. Anderson, *Belfast*  
 Nathan Clifford, *Newfield*  
 Thomas Davee, *Blanchard*  
 George Evans,<sup>18</sup> *Gardiner*  
 Joshua A. Lowell, *East Machias*  
 Virgil D. Parris, *Buckfield*  
 Benjamin Randall, *Bath*  
 Albert Smith, *Portland*

**MARYLAND**

SENATORS

John S. Spence,<sup>19</sup> *Berlin*  
 John L. Kerr,<sup>20</sup> *Easton*  
 William D. Merrick, *Allens Fresh*

REPRESENTATIVES

John Dennis, *Princess Anne*  
 Philip F. Thomas, *Easton*  
 John T. H. Worthington, *Shawan*  
 Solomon Hillen, Jr., *Baltimore*  
 James Carroll, *Baltimore*

William Cost Johnson, *Jefferson*  
 Francis Thomas, *Frederick*  
 Daniel Jenifer, *Milton Hill*

**MASSACHUSETTS**

SENATORS

Daniel Webster,<sup>21</sup> *Boston*  
 Rufus Choate,<sup>22</sup> *Boston*  
 John Davis,<sup>23</sup> *Worcester*  
 Isaac C. Bates,<sup>24</sup> *Northampton*

REPRESENTATIVES

Abbott Lawrence,<sup>25</sup> *Boston*  
 Robert C. Winthrop,<sup>26</sup> *Boston*  
 Leverett Saltonstall, *Salem*  
 Caleb Cushing, *Newburyport*  
 William Parmenter, *East Cambridge*  
 Levi Lincoln, *Worcester*  
 James C. Alvord,<sup>27</sup> *Greenfield*  
 Osmyn Baker,<sup>28</sup> *Amherst*  
 George N. Briggs, *Lanesboro*  
 William B. Calhoun, *Springfield*  
 William S. Hastings, *Mendon*  
 Henry Williams, *Taunton*  
 John Reed, *Yarmouth*  
 John Quincy Adams, *Quincy*

**MICHIGAN**

SENATORS

John Norvell, *Detroit*  
 Augustus S. Porter,<sup>29</sup> *Detroit*

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

Isaac E. Crary, *Marshall***MISSISSIPPI**

SENATORS

Robert J. Walker, *Madisonville*  
 John Henderson, *Pass Christian*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Albert G. Brown, *Gallatin*  
 Jacob Thompson, *Pontotoc*

**MISSOURI**

SENATORS

Thomas H. Benton, *St. Louis*  
 Lewis F. Linn, *Ste. Genevieve*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Albert G. Harrison,<sup>30</sup> *Fulton*  
 John Jameson,<sup>31</sup> *Fulton*  
 John Miller, *Connors Mills*

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

SENATORS

Henry Hubbard, *Charlestown*  
 Franklin Pierce, *Concord*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Charles G. Atherton, *Nashua*

Edmund Burke, *Newport*  
 Ira A. Eastman, *Gilmanton*  
 Tristram Shaw, *Exeter*  
 Jared W. Williams, *Lancaster*

**NEW JERSEY**

SENATORS

Samuel L. Southard, *Trenton*  
 Garret D. Wall, *Burlington*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE<sup>32</sup>

William R. Cooper, *Swedesboro*  
 Philemon Dickerson, *Paterson*  
 Joseph Kille, *Salem*  
 Joseph F. Randolph, *New Brunswick*  
 Daniel B. Ryall, *Freehold*  
 Peter D. Vroom, *Somerville*

**NEW YORK**

SENATORS

Silas Wright, Jr., *Canton*  
 Nathaniel P. Tallmadge, *Poughkeepsie*

REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas B. Jackson, *Newtown*  
 James De la Montanya, *Haverstraw*  
 Ogden Hoffman, *New York City*  
 Edward Curtis, *New York City*  
 Moses H. Grinnell, *New York City*  
 James Monroe, *New York City*  
 Gouverneur Kemble, *Cold Spring*  
 Charles Johnston, *Poughkeepsie*  
 Nathaniel Jones, *Warwick*  
 Rufus Palen, *Fallsburg*  
 Aaron Vanderpoel, *Kinderhook*  
 John Ely, *Coxsackie*  
 Hiram P. Hunt, *Troy*  
 Daniel D. Barnard, *Albany*  
 Anson Brown,<sup>33</sup> *Ballston*  
 Nicholas B. Doe,<sup>34</sup> *Waterford*  
 David A. Russell, *Salem*  
 Augustus C. Hand, *Elizabethtown*  
 John Fine, *Ogdensburg*  
 Peter J. Wagner, *Fort Plain*  
 Andrew W. Doig, *Lowville*  
 John G. Floyd, *Utica*  
 David P. Brewster, *Oswego*  
 Thomas C. Chittenden, *Adams*  
 John H. Prentiss, *Cooperstown*  
 Judson Allen, *Harpersville*  
 John C. Clark, *Bainbridge*  
 Stephen B. Leonard, *Owego*  
 Amasa Dana, *Ithaca*  
 Edward Rogers, *Madison*  
 Nehemiah H. Earll, *Syracuse*  
 Christopher Morgan, *Aurora*  
 Theron R. Strong, *Palmyra*  
 Francis Granger, *Canandaigua*

<sup>14</sup> Died August 11, 1840.<sup>15</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Simeon H. Anderson, and took his seat December 7, 1840.<sup>16</sup> Resigned July 21, 1840.<sup>17</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Rice Garland, and took his seat December 17, 1840.<sup>18</sup> Reelected to the Twenty-seventh Congress but resigned, having been elected Senator.<sup>19</sup> Died October 24, 1840.<sup>20</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of John S. Spence, and took his seat January 13, 1841.<sup>21</sup> Resigned, effective February 22, 1841.<sup>22</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Daniel Webster, and took his seat March 1, 1841.<sup>23</sup> Resigned January 5, 1841.<sup>24</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Davis, and took his seat January 21, 1841.<sup>25</sup> Resigned September 18, 1840.<sup>26</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Abbott Lawrence, and took his seat December 7, 1840.<sup>27</sup> Died September 27, 1839, before Congress assembled.<sup>28</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of James C. Alvord, and took his seat January 14, 1840.<sup>29</sup> Elected to fill vacancy in term commencing March 4, 1839, caused by failure of legislature to elect, and took his seat February 7, 1840; vacancy in this class from March 4, 1839, to January 19, 1840.<sup>30</sup> Died September 7, 1839.<sup>31</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Albert G. Harrison, and took his seat December 12, 1839.<sup>32</sup> Messrs. Aycryg, Maxwell, Halsted, Stratton, and Yorke contested the election of Messrs. Vroom, Dickerson, Kille, Cooper, and Ryall; the House at first declined to seat either set of candidates, but by resolution of March 10, 1840, the five last named were admitted "without prejudice to the final rights of the claimants," and, on July 17, 1840, were adjudged entitled to their seats.<sup>33</sup> Died June 14, 1840.<sup>34</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Anson Brown, and took his seat December 7, 1840.

Meredith Mallory, *Hammondspport*  
 Thomas Kempshall, *Rochester*  
 Seth M. Gates, *Leroy*  
 Luther C. Peck, *Pike*  
 Richard P. Marvin, *Jamestown*  
 Millard Fillmore, *Buffalo*  
 Charles F. Mitchell, *Lockport*

**NORTH CAROLINA**

SENATORS

Bedford Brown, <sup>35</sup> *Browns Store*  
 Willie P. Mangum, <sup>36</sup> *Red Mountain*  
 Robert Strange, <sup>37</sup> *Fayetteville*  
 William A. Graham, <sup>38</sup> *Hillsboro*

REPRESENTATIVES

Kenneth Rayner, *Winton*  
 Jesse A. Bynum, *Halifax*  
 Edward Stanly, *Washington*  
 Charles B. Shepard, *New Bern*  
 James I. McKay, *Elizabethtown*  
 Micajah T. Hawkins, *Warrenton*  
 Edmund Deberry, *Laurenceville*  
 William Montgomery, *Albrights*  
 John Hill, *Germantown*  
 Charles Fisher, *Salisbury*  
 Henry W. Connor, *Sherrills Ford*  
 James Graham, *Rutherfordton*  
 Lewis Williams, *Panther Creek*

**OHIO**

SENATORS

William Allen, *Chillicothe*  
 Benjamin Tappan, *Steubenville*

REPRESENTATIVES

Alexander Duncan, *Cincinnati*  
 John B. Weller, *Hamilton*  
 Patrick G. Goode, *Sidney*  
 Thomas Corwin, <sup>39</sup> *Lebanon*  
 Jeremiah Morrow, <sup>40</sup> *Twentymile Stand*  
 William Doan, *Withamsville*  
 Calvary Morris, *Athens*  
 William K. Bond, *Chillicothe*  
 Joseph Ridgway, *Columbus*  
 William Medill, *Lancaster*  
 Samson Mason, *Springfield*  
 Isaac Parrish, *Cambridge*  
 Jonathan Taylor, *Newark*  
 Daniel P. Leadbetter, *Millersburg*  
 George Sweeny, *Bucyrus*  
 John W. Allen, *Cleveland*  
 Joshua R. Giddings, *Jefferson*  
 John Hastings, *Salem*  
 David A. Starkweather, *Canton*  
 Henry Swearingen, *Smithfield*

**PENNSYLVANIA**

SENATORS

James Buchanan, *Lancaster*

Daniel Sturgeon, <sup>41</sup> *Uniontown*  
 REPRESENTATIVES

Lemuel Paynter, *Philadelphia*  
 John Sergeant, *Philadelphia*  
 George W. Toland, *Philadelphia*  
 Charles Naylor, <sup>42</sup> *Philadelphia*  
 Edward Davies, *Churchtown*  
 John Edwards, *Ivy Mills*  
 Francis James, *West Chester*  
 Joseph Fornance, *Norristown*  
 John Davis, *Davisville*  
 David D. Wagener, *Easton*  
 Peter Newhard, *Allentown*  
 George M. Keim, *Reading*  
 William Simonton, *Hummelstown*  
 James Gerry, *Shrewsbury*  
 James Cooper, *Gettysburg*  
 William S. Ramsey, <sup>43</sup> *Carlisle*  
 Charles McClure, <sup>44</sup> *Carlisle*  
 William W. Potter, <sup>45</sup> *Philadelphia*  
 George McCulloch, <sup>46</sup> *Center Line*  
 David Petrikin, *Danville*  
 Robert H. Hammond, *Milton*  
 Samuel W. Morris, *Wellsboro*  
 Charles Ogle, *Somerset*  
 Albert G. Marchand, *Greensburg*  
 Enos Hook, *Waynesburg*  
 Isaac Leet, *Washington*  
 Richard Biddle, <sup>47</sup> *Pittsburgh*  
 Henry M. Brackenridge, <sup>48</sup> *Tarentum*  
 William Beatty, *Butler*  
 Thomas Henry, *Beaver*  
 John Galbraith, *Erie*

**RHODE ISLAND**

SENATORS

Nehemiah R. Knight, *Providence*  
 Nathan F. Dixon, *Westerly*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Robert B. Cranston, *Newport*  
 Joseph L. Tillinghast, *Providence*

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

SENATORS

John C. Calhoun, *Fort Hill*  
 William C. Preston, *Columbia*

REPRESENTATIVES

Sampson H. Butler, *Barnwell*  
 John Campbell, *Parnassus*  
 John K. Griffin, *Newberry*  
 Isaac E. Holmes, *Charleston*  
 Francis W. Pickens, *Edgefield*  
 R. Barnwell Rhett, *Blue House*  
 James Rogers, *Maybinton*  
 Thomas D. Sumter, *Stateburg*

Waddy Thompson, Jr., *Greenville*

**TENNESSEE**

SENATORS

Hugh Lawson White, <sup>49</sup> *Knoxville*  
 Alexander Anderson, <sup>50</sup> *Knoxville*  
 Felix Grundy, <sup>51</sup> *Nashville*  
 Alfred O. P. Nicholson, <sup>52</sup> *Columbia*

REPRESENTATIVES

William B. Carter, *Elizabethton*  
 Abraham McClellan, *Blountville*  
 Joseph L. Williams, *Knoxville*  
 Julius W. Blackwell, *Athens*  
 Hopkins L. Turney, *Winchester*  
 William B. Campbell, *Carthage*  
 John Bell, *Nashville*  
 Meredith P. Gentry, *Harpeth*  
 Harvey M. Watterson, *Shelbyville*  
 Aaron V. Brown, *Pulaski*  
 Cave Johnson, *Clarksville*  
 John W. Crockett, *Trenton*  
 Christopher H. Williams, *Lexington*

**VERMONT**

SENATORS

Samuel Prentiss, *Montpelier*  
 Samuel S. Phelps, *Middlebury*

REPRESENTATIVES

Hiland Hall, *Bennington*  
 William Slade, *Middlebury*  
 Horace Everett, *Windsor*  
 John Smith, *St. Albans*  
 Isaac Fletcher, *Lyndon*

**VIRGINIA**

SENATORS

William H. Roane, *Richmond*  
 William C. Rives, <sup>53</sup> *Lindseys Store*

REPRESENTATIVES

Linn Banks, *Madison*  
 Andrew Beirne, *Union*  
 John M. Botts, *Richmond*  
 Walter Coles, *Robertsons Store*  
 Robert Craig, *Christiansburg*  
 George C. Dromgoole, *Cholsonville*  
 James Garland, *Lovingsston*  
 William L. Goggin, *Liberty*  
 John Hill, *Buckingham*  
 Joel Holleman, <sup>54</sup> *Burwell Bay*  
 Francis Mallory, <sup>55</sup> *Hampton*  
 George W. Hopkins, *Lebanon*  
 Robert M. T. Hunter, *Lloyds*  
 Joseph Johnson, *Bridgeport*  
 John W. Jones, *Petersburg*  
 William Lucas, *Charlestown*

<sup>35</sup> Resigned, effective November 16, 1840.

<sup>36</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Bedford Brown, and took his seat December 9, 1840.

<sup>37</sup> Resigned, effective November 16, 1840.

<sup>38</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Robert Strange, and took his seat December 10, 1840.

<sup>39</sup> Resigned, effective May 30, 1840.

<sup>40</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Thomas Corwin, and took his seat December 7, 1840.

<sup>41</sup> Elected January 14, 1840, to fill vacancy in the term commencing March 4, 1839, caused by failure of the legislature to elect, and took his seat January 24, 1840.

<sup>42</sup> Election unsuccessfully contested by Charles J. Ingersoll.

<sup>43</sup> Died October 17, 1840, before the commencement of the Twenty-seventh Congress, to which he had been re-elected.

<sup>44</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of William S. Ramsey, and took his seat December 7, 1840.

<sup>45</sup> Died October 28, 1839, before Congress assembled.

<sup>46</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of William W. Potter and took his seat December 2, 1839.

<sup>47</sup> Resigned in 1840.

<sup>48</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Richard Biddle, and took his seat December 10, 1840.

<sup>49</sup> Resigned January 13, 1840.

<sup>50</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Hugh L. White, and took his seat February 26, 1840.

<sup>51</sup> Elected to fill vacancy in the term commencing March 4, 1839, caused by resignation of Ephraim H. Foster in preceding Congress, and took his seat January 3, 1840; vacancy in this class from March 4 to December 14, 1839; died December 19, 1840.

<sup>52</sup> Appointed to fill vacancy caused by death of Felix Grundy, and took his seat January 11, 1841.

<sup>53</sup> Elected to fill vacancy in term commencing March 4, 1839, caused by failure of legislature to elect, and took his seat January 30, 1841; vacancy in this class from March 4, 1839, to January 18, 1841.

<sup>54</sup> Resigned in 1840.

<sup>55</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Joel Holleman, and took his seat January 7, 1841.

**VIRGINIA—Continued**

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

Charles F. Mercer, <sup>56</sup> *Aldie*  
 William M. McCarty, <sup>57</sup> *Alexandria*  
 Francis E. Rives, *Littleton*  
 Green B. Samuels, *Woodstock*  
 Lewis Steenrod, *Wheeling*  
 John Taliaferro, *Fredericksburg*

Henry A. Wise, *Accomac***TERRITORY OF FLORIDA**

DELEGATE

Charles Downing, *St. Augustine***TERRITORY OF IOWA**

DELEGATE

William W. Chapman, <sup>58</sup> *Burlington*  
 Augustus C. Dodge, <sup>59</sup> *Burlington*

**TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN**

DELEGATE

James D. Doty, *Ashton*

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<sup>56</sup> Resigned December 26, 1839.<sup>57</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Charles F. Mercer, and took his seat January 25, 1840.

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<sup>58</sup> Served until October 27, 1840, when his term expired under the provisions of the act of March 3, 1839.

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<sup>59</sup> Elected in compliance with the act of March 3, 1839, and took his seat December 8, 1840.